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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, PFOR, EC
SUBJECT: NEW ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA APPOINTED

1. THE GOE ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 22 THE APPOINTMENT OF ROQUE CANADAS PORTILLA AS AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA.
2. CANADAS IS PRESENTLY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO HAS HELD POSTS IN PERU, CHILE, BRAZIL, AND DENMARK. HE SERVED AS ECONOMIC COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON (MID SIXTIES) AND ALSO AS CONSUL GENERAL IN HAMBURG. HE WAS ACCUSED OF FINANCIAL MISDEALINGS IN HAMBURG CONCERNING CONSULAR FEES BUT THE CHARGE WAS NEVER SUBSTANTIATED.
3. EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD THAT ECUADOR HAS DECIDED TO PURSUE A MORE CONSERVATIVE LINE WITHIN OPEC AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT CANADAS' PRINCIPAL MISSION IN CARACAS WILL BE TO MOLLIFY THE VENEZUELANS SHOULD FRICTIONS RESULT. CANADAS HAS ALWAYS BEEN ACCESSIBLE TO EMBASSY OFFICERS BUT HE CAN BE POMPOUS, ABRASIVE, AND ARROGANT. HE HAS A DISQUIETING HABIT OF DEPARTING FROM THE SPECIFIC AND EXPATIATING ON ABSTRACT, UNIVERSAL IMPLICATIONS.
4. ONCE A PAN AMERICAN CLASS HURDLER, CANADAS LOST HIS RIGHT

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ARM TO CANCER ABOUT SEVEN YEARS AGO, AND IS EMBITTERED BY IT. HE IS MARRIED TO A HANDSOME AND PLEASANT GERMAN WOMAN, SABINE, AND THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN. IT IS RUMORED THAT THEY ARE HAVING MARTIAL DIFFICULTIES. TWO OF HIS BROTHERS ARE PRACTICING PHYSICIANS IN THE UNITED STATES; ONE OF WHOM TAUGHT SPANISH AT FSI FOR SIX MONTHS. CANADAS SPEAKS BOTH ENGLISH AND GERMAN.
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